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WITH REFERENCE PARA 3 REFTEL BELIEVE MAJOR YANNACONE, ON BASIS MY PRE-PINCUS/PAUL VISIT DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, HAS TOTAL NUMBER SORTIES FLOWN BY T-285 BASED ASMARA. PROBLEM WITH HIS FIGURES IS THAT THEY REFER TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN BY T-28S ON MONTHLY BASIS IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY ARE TRANSITION, TRAINING, OR COMBAT FLIGHTS. CONCUR FULLY THAT MAAG-SUPPLIED INFORMATION WOULD BE LESS THAN COMPLETE AND ITS ACCURACY WOULD BE QUESTIONABLE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT T-285 ARE NOT RPT NOT ONLY AIRCRAFT USED BY IEG IN COUNTER ELF ACTIVITIES, E.G., USE OF FRENCH ALLOUETTE HELICOPTER AND RUSSIAN HELICOPTERS FOR TROOP TRANSPORT DURING IEG BATTLE WITH ELF REPORTED ASMARA 155. WHILE WE SUSPECT COMMITTEE WILL BE LESS THAN RECEPTIVE TO INFORMATION NOT RPT NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED ON NON-AMERICAN UTILIZATION AGAINST ELF, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT GET FULL STORY ON RECORD INCLUDING USE OF FRENCH ALLOUETTE AND RUSSIAN HELICOPTERS AGAINST ELF. JACKSON

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